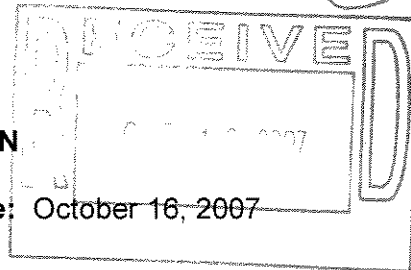


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**TOWN OF ACTON  
INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION**

**Date:** October 16, 2007

**To:** John Murray

**From:** Engineering Department  
Bruce M. Stamski, P.E., Town Engineer/Director of Public Works

**Subject:** Foster Street Traffic Issues

At the request of the Police Department, we set up a traffic counter on Foster Street from Sept 12<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>. The 85% speed was 34 mph heading toward School Street and 26 mph heading toward Hosmer Street. Virtually all of the vehicles traveling above 30 mph were heading toward School Street between the hours of 6 am to 8am. This is consistent with the resident's observations. Commuters are cutting through to avoid a backup at the Hosmer and School Street intersection.

The Engineering Department concurs with Detective Cowan's recommendation that The Traffic Rules and Orders be amended to state:

Foster Street shall have NO THRU TRAFFIC, 6AM TO 9 AM and that signage be installed to that effect at the corner of Hosmer and Foster.

The Engineering Department has posted a legal notice in the Beacon for the Selectmen's hearing to amend the Traffic Rules and Orders at their meeting on October 22, 2007 at 7:15 pm.

Attached please find the Amendment and copies of the Police Reports on this matter.

cc Police Department

**Town of Acton, Massachusetts**

**Board of Selectmen**

**Amendment to the Existing Traffic Rules and Orders**

**Voted:** That the Traffic Rules and Orders by the Board of Selectmen are hereby amended by adding the following restriction:

**Foster Street** shall have NO THRU TRAFFIC, 6AM TO 9 AM.

**Date of Passage:** \_\_\_\_\_

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F. Dore' Hunter, Chairman

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Lauren Rosenzweig, Vice-Chairman

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Andrew Magee, Clerk

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Peter Berry, Member

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Paulina Knibbe, Member

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Acton Police Department**

P. O. Box 2212  
371 Main Street  
Acton, MA 01720  
(978) 263-2911  
Incident Report  
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Incident Number: 2007000017650

File No: N/A

Dispatch Incident Number: 2007000019554

Print Date: October 8, 2007

Printed By: rcowan

Incident Information											
Occurred On/From	Day of Week	Date	Time	Occurred To	Day of Week	Date	Time	Reported On	Date	Time	
	Mon	10/08/2007	8:07:18AM		Mon	10/08/2007	8:07:18AM	→	10/8/2007	8:07:18AM	
Reported As Traffic Issues on Foster St. P:017650				Incident Type - Primary Police Information				Arresting Officer			
Incident Address FOSTER ST, ACTON, MA 01720								Reporting Officer Detective Robert Cowan			
Sector		Stat. Area		Sub Stat. Area		Census Tract		Landmark			
Business Name N/A						Incident Types - Other					

Associated Persons Summary						
Type	Name (Last, First, MI)	Date of Birth	Sex	Home Phone #	Work Phone #	
Reporter	COWAN, ROBERT L	N/A	M	(978) 263-2911	N/A	
Address: 365 MAIN ST, ACTON, MA 01720						

Associated Businesses Summary			
Type	Name	Primary Phone #	Secondary Phone #
No Associated Persons reported for Incident #: 2007000017650			

IBR/UCR Offenses					
Offense Number	IBR Type	Chapter	Section	Statute ID / IBR Type Description	Counts
0		N/A	N/A	/	
No Incident Offenses Recorded for Incident #: 2007000017650					

Arrest Offenses					
Seq #	Chapter	Section	Name (Last, First, MI)	Description of Offense	Counts
No Arrest Offenses Recorded for Incident #: 2007000017650					

Arrestee Seq. # 1				
Suspect Type	Suspect Name	Alias/Nickname	Occupation	SSN
No Arrest Data Available for Incident #: 2007000017650				

Suspect Seq. # 1				
Suspect Type	Suspect Name	Alias/Nickname	Occupation	SSN
No Suspect Data Available for Incident #: 2007000017650				

Victims						
Victim Type	Victim Name	Sex	Race	Ethnic Origin	Hospital Destination	Transport Description
No Victims reported for Incident #: 2007000017650						

# Acton Police Department

## Incident Narrative Report

Print Date: October 09, 2007

Printed By: rcowan

Narratives for Incident Number 2007000017650 ? Yes

Other Narratives not authorized for print? None

Narratives this user authorized to print:

Narrative by: Detective Robert Cowan

<u>Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Narrative Description</u>	<u>Entered by</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Reviewed by</u>	<u>Last Edit Date</u>
10/09/2007 14:11	Foster St traffic issues	Detective Robert Cowan	Open	Detective Robert Cowan	10/09/2007

This report is in regards to Foster St and the traffic issues that have hampered the street. The residence of Foster St have complained about speeding vehicles that use the street as a short cut. Commuter traffic that travel Hosmer St from Rte 2 East bound become backed up at the intersection with School St. Most of the commuter traffic take Hosmer St to avoid the Rte 2 Rotary in Concord. When Hosmer St becomes backed up with traffic, the cummuter traffic overflows onto Foster St. The residence on Foster St state that the commuter traffic is speeding down the street. The Acton Engineering Dept conducted a speed count for approximatley one week. The following is the information that was gathered. There were 86 vehicles a day that travel on Foster St. The 85th percentile speed was 34 mph Foster St towards School St, and 26 mph Foster St towards Hosmer St. The worst time period for speeding vehicles was between the hours of 6:00am and 7:00am. Foster St would be considered a thickley settled 30 mph area. I have discussed this issue with the engineering dept, and the following is my recommendation.

The information that was gathered from the traffic speed count indicate that there should be a NO THRU TRAFFIC BETWEEN 6:00AM AND 9:00AM sign installed. The sign should be errected on Foster St facing out towards Hosmer St. The sign should be incorporated into the Acton Traffic Rules And Orders so that enforcement can be insured. The installation of the sign, coupled with proper enforcement should diminish the amount of violators. There did not appear to be a need for an additional sign at the School St end.

Detective Robert L Cowan Jr

**Robert Cowan**

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**From:** Tom Rogers  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 02, 2007 8:56 PM  
**To:** Robert Cowan  
**Cc:** Frank Widmayer; Tom Rogers  
**Subject:** Foster Street traffic recommendations

## ACTON POLICE PATROL DIVISION

**TO:** Detective Bob Cowan, Department Safety Officer  
**FROM:** Lieutenant Tom Rogers  
**SUBJ:** Foster Street traffic and speed problem

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Pursuant to neighborhood complaints relative to volume and speed of traffic using Foster Street during rush hours, I assigned patrol officers to run radar and investigate the above complaints. Patrols substantiated the problem which led me to further assign electronic surveillance for further study (see attached documents).

Information received from these sources convinced me that Foster Street is being used as a "cut-through" for rush hour traffic avoiding the Concord Rotary. Additionally, I took note of a 90 degree blind curve at the north end of Foster Street that creates an additional safety hazard. This coupled with the lack of sidewalks adds exigency to my concerns for safety of resident children in the area.

Subsequently, I am making the following recommendations for immediate action:

1. Both ends of Foster Street to be posted "no thru traffic 6AM to 9AM and 3PM to 6PM.
2. Posted speed limits of 20MPH in both directions.
3. Zero tolerance traffic law enforcement following installations of the above recommended signs.

Your continued help and cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you or the engineering department request supplemental information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Lieutenant Tom Rogers  
Patrol Division Commander  
Acton Police Department

10/3/2007